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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Synopsis: The settlement is grossly insufficient. Do something that will allow Free Software to at least protect itself against Microsoft.

I feel that the judgement being reached in this case is not curative of the problems that it addresses. I feel that Microsoft will not be sufficiently restrained in their business practices to stop them from using their monopolistic desktop share to force others out of business.

I feel that Microsoft has actually used this case and it's remedy to arm itself to use the law against it's current exsisting competitors. Honestly, folks - It seems like there are holes in this large enough to toss a truck through, and I'm not alone.

I've gotten sick and tired of my friend bringing me computers with buggy, flawed Windows installs. I'm tired of trying to tell them that Yes, there were alternatives once, before Microsoft drove most of them out of business - Not by being good, or by being right, but by good marketing, and use of strongarm anticompetitive techniques that would make rail barrons blush.

I've also gotten tired of big business buying their way out of trouble. They're guilty as sin, dammit, and they aught to pay.

This is a joke. Take this sentence back and put out something with some teeth in it. It's a sad dammed world where people can steel this much money, and be this crooked, and get off this easy.